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| For: | | DIFFRACTION GRATING ELEMENT, PRODUCTION METHOD OF DIFFRACTION GRATING ELEMENT, AND METHOD OF DESIGNING DIFFRACTION GRATING ELEMENT |

CLAIM OF PRIORITY

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Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 35 U.S.C. 119, Applicants hereby claim the priority of:

Japanese Patent Application No. 2003-040196, filed February 18, 2003

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